MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Chickasaw Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, UNION CO., MISS.,

On the 15th, 16th and 18th Days of September, 1871.

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The Thirty-Second Session of the Chickasaw Association met with the Pleasant Hill Church, in Union County, Mississippi, Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1871.

The introductory sermon, at 11 A. M., by Eld. L. Ball, from 23d verse of the 3d chapter of 1st Corinthians: "And ye are Christ's."

Intermission for one hour for refreshments. Benediction by Eld. A. A. Lomax.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing. Eld. L. Ball in the chair. Prayer by Eld. M. P. Lowery.

The Moderator announced the body in order for the transaction of business.

On motion, called for the letters from the churches.

Eld. W. W. Finley and Bro. N. M. Berry read the letters, and the delegates names enrolled. [See statistical table.]

On motion of Eld. W. W. Finley, proceeded to permanent organization by the election of officers; Elds. J. B. Gambrell and A. G. Parrot acting as tellers, which resulted in the choice of Eld. W. W. Finley, as Moderator, and Bro. E. Smyth, Clerk.

The Moderator on taking his seat made a very appropriate address to the Association.

Called for petitionary letters, when New Albany and Bluff Spring Churches presented petitionary letters by their delegates, which were read and the churches received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Devotion.—Bros. D. E. Mitchell, J. E. Boatright, and the deacons of Pleasant Hill Church.

On the State of Religion.—Elds. J. T. Pitts, H. L. Finley and W. L. Reynolds.

On motion, all visiting brethren present were invited
seats with the body, when Eld. A. A. Lomax announced th
he was present as agent for the Mississippi College, at Clinto
On further motion, Eld. Lomax was invited to address t
Association on the subject of his mission Saturday morning
soon as the body should organize.

On Documents.—Eld. J. Barwell, and Bros. J. E. Boatrig
and E. Y. Reaves.

On Sabbath Schools.—Bros. N. M. Berry, J. H. Morgan, a
J. Baker.

On Temperance.—Eld. G. W. Potter, and Bros. J. L. Joh
son and J. P. S. Powell.

On Arrangement of Business.—Eld. W. L. Farmer, J.
Brown and C. A. Store.

The Committee on Devotion reported that Eld. A. A. Lom
would preach at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On the Bible Cause.—Elds. H. L. Finley, J. Smith and W
L. Reynolds.

Granted leave of Absence to Bro. J. K. Giton.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer b
Eld. W. L. Farmer.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. T. H. Smit
Continued the appointment of committees.

On Finance.—Bros. M. Powell, S. H. Plant and W. A
Smith.

On Foreign Missions.—Eld. W. L. Reynolds, and Bros. I
M. Gaines and J. B. Reade.

On Ministerial Education.—Elds. G. W. Potter, J. Boswel
and Bro. S. H. Plant.

On Systematical Benevolence.—Eld. J. Smith, and Bros. J. I
Morgan and J. E. Boatright.

On Orphans' Home.—Eld. J. B. Gambrell, and Bros. N. M
Berry and J. T. Brown.

On Domestic Missions.—Elds. J. B. Gambrell, J. T. Pitts, an
Bro. E. Y. Reaves.

Minutes of Saturday read and approved. Called for report

The Committee on Arrangement of Business made their report, which was adopted. [See Appendix A.]

Read the rules of decorum, constitution and abstract of principles.

Called for correspondents, when Eld. A. B. Smith and Bro. G. W. McWhorter were received from the Judson Association with a letter of correspondence.

From the Tippah Association, a letter, and Elds. M. P. Lowery, A. G. Parrot, and Bros. J. S. Berry, A. H. McAlister and M. C. Selph.

From the Aberdeen Association, no correspondence.

From the Yalobusha Association, no correspondence.

From the Cold Water Association, Bro. T. H. Smith, with documents.

From the Baptist State Convention, the following were recognized as from that body: Elds. M. P. Lowery, L. Ball, J. B. Gambrell and A. A. Lomax, and Bros. N. M. Berry and R. B. Pitts.

The report of the committee on the Mississippi College was read by the chairman, after which Eld. A. A. Lomax addressed the Association in the interest of the College, when there was $41.15 collected in cash, and pledges to be paid by 1st December, amounting to $79.00. Report adopted. [See Appendix B.]

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M., to hear a sermon by Eld. A. A. Lomax. Benediction by the Moderator.

EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. L. Reynolds.

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Judson Association—Elds. J. Smith, G. W. Potter, H. L. Finley, and Bros. J. B. Gambrell, J. McTucker, S. H. Plant, A. Giton, W. S. Green, J. K. Giton and E. Smyth, Eld. J. Smith to write.

To the Tippah Association—Elds. W. W. Finley, J. Smith, G. W. Potter, J. Boswell, and Bros. J. B. Reade, N. M. Berry, G. W. Hall, A. Giton and J. K. Giton. Eld. J. Boswell to write.

To the Tishamingo Association — Bros. D. E. Mitchell, N
M. Berry and L. M. Ball.

To the Cold Water Association—Elds. J. Smith, H. T. Pitt
H. L. Finley, and Bros. J. E. Boatright, J. McTucker, J. T
Brown and E. Smyth. Eld. T. H. Pitts to write.

To the Crawford Association—Elds. W. W. Finley, H. L
Finley, and Bros. J. H. Morgan, W. A. Smith, D. Singeltary
J. J. Carter, W. G. Poe and J. M. Lee. H. L. Finley t
write.

To the Baptist State Convention—Elds. W. W. Finley, J. T
Pitts, H. L. Finley, and Bros. N. M. Berry, S. H. Plant, L. M
Ball and G. W. Potter. N. M. Berry to write.

To the Aberdeen Association—Elds. H. L. Finley, J. T
Pitts, and Bros. J. B. Reade and C. A. Share. C. A. Share t
write.

Appointed the next session of this body to be held with th
Shilo Church, Lafayette County, two miles southwest o
Lafayette Springs, Friday before the third Sabbath in Septem
ber, 1872.

Elected Eld. W. W. Finley to preach the next introductory
sermon, and G. W. Potter, alternate.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report
which was discussed by Eld. J. B. Gambrell and others
Adopted. [See Appendix, C.]

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Eld
A. G. Parrot.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

In the house at 10½ o'clock, Eld. M. P. Lowery, and at 12
o'clock, Eld. A. G. Parrot, preached to a large concourse of
attentive hearers.

At the stand, at 10½ o'clock, Eld. L. Ball, and at 12 o'clock
Eld. W. W. Finley, preached the Word with zeal and ability
to a large and attentive audience. The results of those labors
will only be known in the morning of eternity.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer was offered by Eld. J. Smith.

The Committee on Documents read their report, which was discussed by Eld. M. P. Lowery and others. Adopted. [See Appendix, E.]

The report on Temperance was read by Eld. G. W. Potter, and discussed by Eld. J. B. Gambrell, M. P. Lowery and G. W. Potter. Adopted. [See Appendix, F.]

The report on Systematic Benevolence was read, discussed, and adopted. [See Appendix, G.]

The Executive Board made their report. After being discussed, was adopted. [See Appendix, L.]

The report on the Bible Cause was read by Eld. H. L. Finley, and after several speaches, was adopted. [See Appendix, M.]

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted. [See Appendix, N.]

The report on Ministerial Education was read, well discussed and adopted. [See Appendix, O.]

The several letters of correspondence were read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, reserving fifteen dollars of the amount for his trouble.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the membership of this church, and the citizens of the vicinity, for their kind reception and hospitality during the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to our Moderator and Clerk, for their courtesy, and the faithful manner in which they have discharged their respective duties at this session.

After a heart cheering address by the Moderator, and giving to each other the parting hand, adjourned to meet with the Shilo Church, Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1872.

W. W. FINLEY, *Moderator*.

E. SMYTH, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read Rules of Decorum, Abstract of Principles and Constitution.
2. Call for Correspondence from Bodies with whom we correspond.
3. Invite Visiting Brethren from sister Associations, and Ministerin Brethren of our Order, to seats with us.
4. Report on Mississippi College.
5. Report on Ministerial Education.
6. Appoint Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, and to th State Convention, and Brethren to Write.
7. Appoint the place for holding the next Association.
8. Elect a Minister to Preach the Introductory Sermon.
9. Hear the Report on the State of Religion.
10. Report on Documents.
11. Report on Sabbath Schools.
12. Report on Temperance.
13. Report on Systematic Benevolence.
14. Report on Domestic Missions.
15. Report on Foreign Missions.
16. Hear the Report on the Orphans' Home.
17. Report of Finance Committee.
18. Treasurer's Report.
19. Hear the Report of the Executive Board.
20. Report on Bible Cause.
21. Elect an Executive Board.
22. Miscellaneous Business.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. L. FARMER, Chairman.

[B.]

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Mississippi College beg leave to report that this institu tion of learning is now in a most prosperous condition, so far as its patronag and operations are concerned. Thirty-five young men were in attendance preparing for the Gospel ministry, during the last session, and it is confidentl expected that there will be fifty young ministers there the next collegiate year These young ministers exert a great influence for good upon the other young men of the college. We regard this school as a tower of strength to the Bap tist cause in the States of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, if the denomi-

nation in these limits, rally to its support, as we feel it is our duty to do. In regard to other particulars respecting the college, we would refer you to Eld. A. A. Lomax, its efficient agent, whom we most cordially welcome amongst us at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

N. M. BERRY, Chairman.

[C.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following:

We feel more inclined to urge our membership to action in this great work, than to speak of its importance, believing that its utility would be more readily realized by those who engage in it than it is possible for one to feel who is only an occasional visitor, or who fails from any cause to lend their aid, their prayers and influence in this good work.

It is our duty, clearly taught, to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; train them for usefulness, for faithful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. This, of course, presupposes their conversion, but your committee believe that few thus trained would arrive at the age of twenty years without indulging a good hope in Christ. Oh! This training of children for Jesus. Well might an angel tremble at its responsibility; and we recommend to parents the Sabbath School, as the great auxiliary in this responsible duty.

Dear brethren, let us adopt this as our motto: "A Sabbath School in every church; every child in our respective bounds a pupil," and then let our earnest, our agonizing prayers continually ascend for their conversion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. M. BERRY, Chairman.

[D.]

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee on the State of Religion, submit the following:

Amasiah has been greatly revived, adding to the church eleven by baptism.

Bethel, Pontotoc, is in a cold condition. She asks the brethren to pray for her.

Bethel, Lafayette, says pray for her. Some signs of refreshing; three added by baptism.

Cypress Creek asks an interest in your prayers. Two additions by baptism.

Cherry Creek is somewhat revived, and has a flourishing Sabbath School. Received by baptism four.

Friendship has been much revived, and it has a flourishing Sabbath School Additions by baptism six.

Liberty is in a cold condition. She craves an interest in your prayers. Received one by baptism.

Mt. Pleasant is in a flourishing condition, and has a Sabbath School. Thirteen received by baptism.

Mt. Pisgah is in a good condition. Nine received by baptism.

Newhope in a lively condition. Four baptized.

Pleasant Ridge has a Sabbath School and a prayer meeting. Received by baptism. They ask an interest in your prayers.

Pleasant Hill is in a cold condition, and asks you to pray for her.

Philadelphia is much renewed, having baptized twenty-four. They wish y to pray for them that they may praise God's name.

Spring Hill reports no revival. They desire an interest in your prayers.

Shady Grove prospers, having received fourteen by baptism.

Shilo has had a revival, receiving fourteen by baptism.

Tocopola in a prosperous condition.

Salem has received six by baptism.

Union is greatly revived. The Lord has wonderfully revived them, thir six by baptism.

Spring Creek is much revived, but no baptisms.

Little Bethel has some signs of refreshing, and reports two baptisms.

Carey Springs is in a prosperous condition. Received three by baptism.

Midway Church is revived, but no baptisms. They ask you to pray for the

Abbeville Church is much revived, having received five by baptism.

New Albany Church has had a revival. Much good accomplished.

All of which is submitted.

J. T. PITTS.
H. L. FINLEY,
W. L. REYNOLDS.

[E.]

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee an Documents beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend the publication in our Minutes of those parts of the Minut of the Union Meetings that refer to times and places of holding next meeting and special sermons, essays and queries for next meetings.

We recommend the publication of the card of Mississippi College on th cover of our Minutes.

We would still recommend all our brethren to subscribe for and read "Hom and Foreign Journal," which is the organ of the several Boards of our Souther Baptist Convention.

We recommend all the publications of our Sunday School Board, in Memphi Tennessee. Especially would we recommend "Kind Words, the Child's D light," which should be in the hands of all children.

We would again urge all our brethren to subscribe for and read "THE BA TIST," published in Memphis, Tennessee. The Mississippi department of th paper, under the editorial management of Eld. M. P. Lowery, faithfully repr sents our denominational interests in this State, and, on this account, the pap has just claims upon the patronage of Mississippi Baptists.

We recommend "Orphans' Home Banner," published at Lauderdale Spring Mississippi.

The Union Meeting of the 1st District of the Chickasaw Association will meet with the Friendship Church, Thursday before the first Sabbath in August, 1872. Introductory sermon by Eld. G. W. Potter; Eld. Jas. Boswell, alternate.

Essays to be read: 1st. Communion—its objects, and how it should be observed, by Eld. J. T. Pitts. 2d. Piety of young members of the Church, by M. B. Pitts. 3d. Regeneration, by Jas. M. Wood. 4th. Church Discipline, by B. Jackson. 5th. The best Plan of Conducting Protracted Meetings, by Eld J. Smith. 6th. Sabbath Schools, by Eld. G. W. Potter. 7th. Practical Christianity, by N. M. Berry.

Queries. 1st. What course should a church pursue with a member who subscribes for the support of the pastor, or benevolent purposes, and refuses to pay? 2d. What is covetousness, as defined in the Bible?

The Union Meeting of 2d District to be held with Temperance Hill Church, Marshall county, commencing on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1872.

Queries for discussion, viz.: 1st. At what place did Christ wash the Disciple's feet? 2d. Was John's baptism in order to the remission, or in consideration of remission? 3d. Was Christ baptized to initiate him into his priestly office? 4th. Has a church the scriptural right to license a man to preach apart from ordination? 5th. Has an ordained deacon a right, under the Gospel, to administer baptism. The 4th query of last meeting referred: What shall a Missionary Baptist Church do with an Anti-Missionary member applying for membership by letter.

Essays: Eld. W. W. Finley—The Commission. Eld. W. L. Farmer—Atonement. Eld. H. L. Finley—duty of Pastors to their Churches. Bro. John T. Brown—Duty of Churches to their Pastors. Eld. H. Pritchard—Final Perseverance. Bro. C. A. Short—Duty of Young Members of the Church. F. M. Ferrell—Covetousness. Eld. F. M. Ferrell—Prayer. Eld. H. Pritchard—Atonement.

[F.]

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

Intemperance, which is the opposite of temperance, is the curse of our country and churches. It is the fell destroyer of virtue and religion; the very nursery of vice, crime and immorality. Wherever we turn our eyes, its blighting influences are to be seen. It has invaded our churches, our social circles, and Legislative halls, multiplying sin, misery and death, wherever it goes; retarding the progress of Zion, blighting the prospects of religion, damning souls, and bringing disgrace in multiplied forms on the cause of Christ, and the hope of the world; and yet, its march of ruin is onward still. It reaches abroad to others; invades the family and social circles, and spreads woe and sorrow all

around. It cuts down youth in its vigor; manhood in its strength, and age
its weakness. It breaks the father's heart; bereaves the doating mother; exti
guishes natural affection; erases conjugal love; blots out filial attachmer
blights parental hope, and brings down old, mourning age, in sorrow to t
grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, r
life. It makes wives, widows; children, orphans; fathers, fiends, and all
them paupers and beggars. It hails fevers, feeds rheumatisms, nurses gout, i
ports pestilence, and embraces consumption. It covers the land with idlene
poverty, disease and crime. It fills your jails, supplies your alms houses, a
demands of you asylums. It endangers controversies, fosters quarrels a
cherishes riots. It contends law, spurns order, loves mobs. It crowds yo
penitentiaries, and furnishes the victims for your scaffolds. It is the life-blo
of the gambler, the aliment of the counterfeiter, the prop of the highwaym
and the support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respe
the theif, and esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligations, reverences frau
and honors infamy. It defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue, a
slanders innocence. It incites the father to butcher his wife, and aids the ch
to grind his parricidal ax. It burns up man, consumes woman, curses G
and despises Heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defiles the jury b
and stains the judicial ermine. It bribes votes, disqualifies voters, corrupts el
tions, pollutes our institutions, and endangers our government. It degrades t
citizen, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman, and disarms the patri
It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety; despair, not hope; misery, r
happiness. And now, as with the malevolence of a fiend, it calmly surveys
frightful desolations, and insatiate with the havoc, it poisons felicity, kills pea
ruins morals, blights confidence, slays the reputation, and wipes out nation
honor, then curses the world, and laughs at its ruin. And yet, strange to s
some pretenders to religion say, "'Tis no sin to sip the intoxicating glass as
beverage," forgetting that they are commanded by Christ to abstain from
appearance of evil. Intemperance is not only the appearance of evil, but it
evil itself—the prime cause. In view of these fearful facts, we offer for yo
adoption and practice, the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That this Association does earnestly recommend all her minist
to cry loudly against the evils of intemperance, and each church to exercise
most rigid discipline on all her members who shall be guilty of drinking into
icating liquors in any way not medicinal.

If asked, do you mean to say that church members should not even drink
occasional dram as a beverage, our answer is, they should not. It will be go
for the churches when they have no drunkard in their ranks, but they will n
be entirely safe while a dram drinker, dram seller, or whisky maker, has a pla
among them. Destroy the cause, if you would be free from the effect. W
consider dram drinking the very mother of drunkards—"A little leaven, les
eth the whole lump." If we are Christ's, let us prove it by working for t
interests of his kingdom, and surely there is no evil among us exerting a mo
baneful influence against that kingdom, than the use of intoxicating liquors.

May God help us be wise in this matter.

G. W. Potter, Chairman.

[G.]

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

We would recommend that each church in the Chickasaw Association adopt a regular system of benevolence. We would further recommend that each member of the churches in this Association give something to the support of the cause of Christ, for we are not our own, we belong to Christ. There is a difficulty with some to know how much they shall give. The Word teaches us that we shall give according as God has prospered us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. SMITH, Chairman.

[H.]

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Domestic Missions, would beg leave to submit the following report:

Whilst other instrumentalities have probably been blessed to the advancement of Christ's cause in the world, the preaching of the Gospel is the great and efficient means that God has ordained for the accomplishment of this end, and his people, in the use of this means, may enjoy the consciousness of knowing that God approves of the same. As Christians, we should be careful not to estimate any means or instrumentalities of recent or human origin above those of divine appointment. The dissemination of Gospel truth is a work that has been committed to the churches of Christ, in which they should engage with a zeal corresponding with the greatness of the work.

We will conclude this report with the following extract from the report of the Executive Board, made at your last session: "We still have much destitution in our bounds. Let us hear the command, "go preach the Gospel to every creature," and then let us remember that upon us who have been redeemed, not with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, rests the solemn obligation of sending this Gospel to the destitute."

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. GAMBRELL, Chairman.

Pledges made, to be redeemed at the next Association, for Domestic Mission:

H. T. Finley	$150 00	W. A. Frink	$ 5 00
Cherry Creek Church	40 00	D. E. Mitchell	10 00
Salem Church	10 00	H. Quinn	5 00
Pleasant Ridge Church	25 00	J. Smith	5 00
Shilo Church	10 00	H. L. Johnson	2 00
Temperance Hill Church	10 00	W. C. Beard	5 00
Liberty Church	15 00	J. N. W. Herron	5 00
G. W. Hall	5 00	C. A. Storl	2 50
G. W. Potter	5 00	J. P. S. Powell	5 00
W. A. Tempel	5 00	J. B. Read	3 00
J. Baker	5 00	H. O. Roach	5 00

[I.]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missi are of the opinion that both Home and Foreign Missions are of permanent portance; the neglect of which, involves the Christian into disobedience of Lord's last and great command. Your committee has not before them the tus of Foreign Missionary labors, but feel satisfied from the Macedonian cr our Board at Richmond, Va., for help, that while we are feasting on the cious truths of the Gospel, our heathen brethren are starving, and begging the crumbs that fall from the Christian's table. We feel satisfied that a g work in foreign fields lies before us. Shall we cultivate those fields, or n Shall the Gospel be sent by devoted hearts? We feel that an answer to th questions is unnecessary, for the response of every heart is, yes, till God's cious truths shall prevail over the whole earth as the waters cover the vast d

W. L. Reynolds, Chairman

[J.]

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Report of Committee on Orphans' Home is submitted, as follows:

The duty to care for the poor is strongly inculcated in the Scriptures by p cept and example. So plain is this duty taught, that we conceive it impossi to read the Bible candidly without being impressed with it. God, for a w purpose, has determined that the poor shall always be with us, and it is both privilege and a duty to minister to their wants. To carry out the divine dir tion in this particular, a few years ago the Orphans' Home was inaugurated, provide a home, clothing, food, and education for the helpless children of State. For years, under more or less difficulty, the enterprise has been carr on, and hundreds of helpless children have been rescued from want, and fit for usefulness. At the present time there are between one and two hundr children at the Home, being prepared for the duties of after life. To provi for so many children, requires large sums of money, but who will say it is well spent. In addition to the current expenses of the year, there is an urg necessity for buildings, which will be comfortable for the coming winter.

It is very desirable that all the Baptists in the State contribute something the support of these dependant orphans. The Home is becoming more and mo self-supporting, and now it only requires sixty-five dollars to support and ed cate a child for one year. We cannot perform our duty to the orphans in a other way so cheaply. We recommend that all our churches contribute to th cause. All contributions should be sent to Bro. T. J. Dupree, Superintende Orphans' Home, Lauderdale Springs, Miss.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. Gambrell, Chairman.

[K.]

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following:

Amaziah	$ 1 50	Spring Hill	2 25
Antioch		Shady Grove	1 80
Bethel, Pontotoc	50	Shilo	2 10
Bethel, Lafayette	2 50	Temperance Hill	3 00
Cypress Creek	1 50	Salem	3 50
Cherry Creek	6 50	Union	3 00
Friendship	2 00	Hopewell	4 00
Liberty	2 00	Spring Creek	2 05
Mt. Pleasant	3 65	El Bethel	2 50
Mt. Pisgah	2 25	Carey Springs	2 00
Newhope	1 25	Midway	2 00
Pleasant Ridge	3 00	Tacopolo	3 00
Pleasant Hill	2 25	New Albany	2 00
Philadelphia	4 05	Bluff Springs	2 00
Pine Grove			
			$68 15

The above amounts were received for Minutes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MOSES POWELL, Chairman.

[L.]

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board beg leave to report, that they have had the services of our beloved brother, Eld. W. W. Finley, one-fourth of his time, whose report is as follows, viz.:

To the Executive Board of the Chickasaw Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I hail with joy the time when I shall lay before you this, my third annual report, as your humble missionary. I have given one-fourth of my time to the mission work, the most of which has been spent at Hickory Flat, as directed by you. The results of my labors there have not been such as we desired, but has been as good or better than we could expect under all the surrounding circumstances. I feel that a church can be built up there that will be an honor to the Denomination, and a blessing to the community; and as the work has been successfully commenced, I hope the Association, through her future Board, will carry it forward.

I thank you, dear brethren, for your co-operation and your prayers. I must state to you that I will be compelled to turn aside, as the Master says, and rest for a season. My financial condition, and the condition of my family, require that my ministerial labors be nearer home.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. FINLEY, Missionary.

We also were so fortunate as to secure the services of our esteemed bro Eld. Isaac Smith, one day in each month, whose report is as follows:

Occupied the Station a Candy Hill, according to your suggestion. S eight days, and preached ten sermons. Visited and prayed with many fam Believe that this is an important point, and would recommend the future B to endeavor to cultivate this important field.

Respectfully submitted.

I. Smit

Dear brethren, the results of the labors of another year are before you, we trust that much good will result in the future from faithful labors of missionaries. We earnestly recommend your future Board to cultivate fields already prepared, and, if possible, make a forward movement in suppl other destitute portions of our territory. We invite serious attention to re of the Committee on Domestic Missions, which sets forth clearly our du this great work.

Respectfully submitted.

E. Smith, Chairma

[M.]

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible is the Word of God, and contains a complete rule of faith practice, in all matters pertaining to our holy religion. Without it, we ar utter ignorance of what God would have us to do to be saved, as also, of He would have us do to glorify Him in our salvation. When we take into sideration what the Word of God has done for the nations of the earth, especially our own country, we can but feel a very deep interest in the v spread of the Holy Scriptures throughout the world. The Bible is, and has been, the religion of Baptists. Indeed, we are the only people that abide a faithful translation of the Scriptures, and save our denominational tence. In view of the above facts, we, your committee, would most respectf urge that this Association raise a fund to be expended in the circulatio the Bible in our bounds; and that we patronize the American and For Bible Society, a Baptist institution, instead of the American Bible Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. L. Finley, Chairma

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. M. Berry, Treasurer, in account with the Chickasaw Association:

1871. DR.

January 7th,	To cash, per	W. R. Spencer	$ 2 00
" "	"	S. Weaver	1 00
" "	"	Sale of three Bibles	7 50
April 8th,	"	D. E Mitchel, on pledge	5 00
" "	"	Mt. Pleasant Church	7 00
" "	"	H. T. Pitts	10 00
" "	"	A. F. Golding	5 00
" "	"	N. M. Berry	10 00
January 10th,	"	T. T. Starks	5 00
" "	"	D. E. Mitchell, balance on pledge	5 00
September 16th,	"	Spring Creek Church	10 00
" "	"	H. L. Johnson	1 50
" "	"	Mt. Pisgah Church	9 00
" "	"	Friendship Church	7 50
" "	"	Shady Grove Church	10 00
" "	"	Bethel, Lafayette, Church	10 00
" "	"	U. A. Temple	5 00
" "	"	Temperance Hill Church	10 00
" "	"	Amaziah Church	10 00
" "	"	Newhope Church	10 00
" "	"	W. A. Smith	5 00
" "	"	Pleasant Ridge Church	21 85
" "	"	Public Collection	20 80
" "	"	J. N. W. Herring	5 00
September 17th,	"	E. Smith, former Treasurer	6 15
" "	"	G. W. Colman	2 00
" "	"	Hopewell Church	18 00
" "	"	Tocopolo Church	15 00
" "	"	Philadelphia Church	25 00
September 18th,	"	Sale of Ring	9 75
" "	"	S. J. Fitzgerald	5 00
" "	"	M. Powell	2 00
" "	"	Pleasant Hill Church	24 00
			$305 05

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April,	By amount paid	W. W. Finley	53 00
" "	"	For Minute Book	1 00
Septmber 18th,	"	J. Smith	15 00
" "	"	W. W. Finley	150 00
			$219 00
Balance due by Treasurer			86 05
			$305 05

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

[O.]

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We consider ministerial education a necessity that is peculiar to us, as Ba
tists, to unable us, amidst the multiform shapes of infidelity, to tear away t
mists and fogs of sophistry from the minds of the people, that they may see t
truth clearly, as it is given us by Jesus. All religious sects have cultivat
minds leading forward multitudes. If these sects, and the multitudes they le
are ever brought from error to truth, the Baptists, under God, are the peo
that must do the work. Knowledge is power. A man with a heart full of t
love of God, and a mind well cultivated and stored with Bible truth, is a pow
among men impossible to measure. One thought, we would impress upon yo
minds, *i. e.* Let the blessed Bible be the text book to which you appeal. We
not, in the least, mean to undervalue any department of literature, but fear th
the Bible is too much neglected on the part of some ministers. We feel gra
fied to learn that the members of this Association, and adjoining Associatio
are alive to this great work. Let us renew our efforts, and work with zeal co
responding to the importance of the work.

G. W. Potter, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES PRESENT.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total in Fellowship.	Days of Meeting.
Amaziah	W. L. Reynolds	Cornersville	W. L. Reynolds, *A. G. Perry, J. N. Briggs	12	1	6	3	3	1	125	2
Antioch			Not represented								
Bethel, Pontotoc County	J. Boswell										
Bethel, Lafayette County	J. Crogsley	Lafayette Springs	T. Harrison, J. S. Dison, *G. J. Robbins	11	5	5	...	3	2	129	1
Cypress Creek	W. W. Finley	Oxford	M. G. Wright, R. G. Hill, *Aaron Willson	3	1	9	...	...	...	69	
Cherry Creek	J. T. Pitts	Lafayette Springs	J. H. Goolsby, *F. M. Ferrel, *N. H. Ward	2	5	12	2	1	2	43	2
Friendship	J. T. Pitts	Cherry Creek	J. T. Pitts, N. M. Berry, E. Smyth	4	4	15	1	...	4	196	2
Liberty	J. T. Pitts	Pontotoc	B. Jackson, *G. W. Austin, *W. B. Sonter	10	11	3	...	2	2	33	1
Mt. Pleasant	G. W. Potter	Tardyville	Jas. Boswell, S. H. Plant, B. J. Caldwell	1	3	...	2	2	...	91	4
Mt. Pisgah	H. L. Finley	Wallerville	G. W. Potter, J. Smith, D. E. Mitchel	13	11	10	2	2	1	116	1
New Hope	A. B. Smith	Cornersville	W. E. Beard, *N. Tredaway, N. P. Harris	9	7	7	1	1	...	76	3
Pleasant Ridge	H. S. Archer	Pontotoc	*H. Pitts, J. Smith, *R. Atkins	4	...	6	...	...	1	68	1
Pleasant Hill	J. Boswell	Molino	J. B. Gambrell, J. K. Giton, F. M. Gober	6	9	12	2	2	1	164	1
Philadelphia	H. L. Finley	Molino	G. W. Hall, J. A. Robbins, J. B. Stewart	...	5	5	3	...	1	74	3
Pny Grove		Rocky Ford	J. H. Pritchard, J. Baker, C. A. Short	24	10	9	...	2	2	133	1
Spring Hill	T. Garley		Not represented								
Shady Grove	J. Boswell	Tocopolo	J. M. Barksdale, *B. B. Barmore, *W. Crawford	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	
Shilo	J. Crogsley	Cherry Creek	S. H. Pitts, A. Y. Reaves, *A. Shettels	...	3	9	...	3	...	65	4
Temperance Hill	W. L. Reynolds	Lafayette Springs	*J. Crosby, W. W. Finley, *D. Singletary	13	5	4	3	1	2	68	1
Salem	W. W. Finley	Holly Springs	T. C. Caldwell, J. E. Boatright, W. L. Farmer	14	12	12	5	...	5	111	1
Union	T. H. Smith	Cornersville	J. H. Morgan, G. W. Poe, *H. Kirk	...	2	20	12	...	...	50	3
Abbeville	H. L. Finley	Tocopolo	M. Pannel, *M. Powel, *J. A. Powel	6	8	8	...	...	...	69	3
Spring Creek	W. L. Reynolds	Abbeville	W. A. Smith, H. L. Finley, *D. Couch	26	11	...	...	2	3	71	2
El Bethel	T. H. Smith	Waterford	J. T. Brown, H. M. Gaines, J. Ash	5	13	8	...	...	1	53	4
Carey Springs	T. Garley	Serepta	J. Powell, H. L. Johnson, S. Hugere	...	...	5	2	...	3	43	1
Midway	H. Pritchard	Tocopolo	J. Landers, M. Martin, *H. Tutor	2	...	22	8	...	1	46	4
Tocopolo	W. W. Finley	Maple Springs	J. N. W. Herring, W. A. Temple, R. W. Spence	3	1	5	4	...	...	44	2
New Albany	M. P. Lowery	Tocopolo	R. W. Powel, *F. Sonter, *F. M. Ferrel	...	2	2	...	...	...	27	2
Bluff Springs	T. Garley	New Albany	J. B. Reade, J. C. Glenn, G. W. Gillin	3	11	5	...	...	5	39	2
		Lafayette Springs	G. W. Gelstrop, J. J. Carter, W. Miller	13	11	...	...	...	...	23	2
										41	2

Delegates names marked thus (*) were absent.

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